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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re:	:	Chapter 11
SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION, et al.,	:	Case No. 18-23538 (RDD)
Debtors <sup>1</sup>	:	(Jointly Administered)
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FIFTEENTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF HERRICK, FEINSTEIN LLP FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND DISBURSEMENTS INCURRED AS SPECIAL CONFLICTS COUNSEL TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are as follows: Sears Holdings Corporation (0798); Kmart Holding Corporation (3116); Kmart Operations LLC (6546); Sears Operations LLC (4331); Sears, Roebuck and Co. (0680); ServiceLive Inc. (6774); A&E Factory Service, LLC (6695); A&E Home Delivery, LLC (0205); A&E Lawn & Garden, LLC (5028); A&E Signature Service, LLC (0204); FBA Holdings Inc. (6537); Innovel Solutions, Inc. (7180); Kmart Corporation (9500); MaxServ, Inc. (7626); Private Brands, Ltd. (4022); Sears Development Co. (6028); Sears Holdings Management Corporation (2148); Sears Home & Business Franchises, Inc. (6742); Sears Home Improvement Products, Inc. (8591); Sears Insurance Services, L.L.C. (7182); Sears Procurement Services, Inc. (2859); Sears Protection Company (1250); Sears Protection Company (PR) Inc. (4861); Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. (0535); Sears, Roebuck de Puerto Rico, Inc. (3626); SYW Relay LLC (1870); Wally Labs LLC (None); Big Beaver of Florida Development, LLC (None); California Builder Appliances, Inc. (6327); Florida Builder Appliances, Inc. (9133); KBL Holding Inc. (1295); KLC, Inc. (0839); Kmart of Michigan, Inc. (1696); Kmart of Washington LLC (8898); Kmart Stores of Illinois LLC (8897); Kmart Stores of Texas LLC (8915); MyGofer LLC (5531); Sears Brands Business Unit Corporation (4658); Sears Holdings Publishing Company, LLC. (5554); Sears Protection Company (Florida), L.L.C. (4239); SHC Desert Springs, LLC (None); SOE, Inc. (9616); StarWest, LLC (5379); STI Merchandising, Inc. (0188); Troy Coolidge No. 13, LLC (None); BlueLight.com, Inc. (7034); Sears Brands, L.L.C. (4664); Sears Buying Services, Inc. (6533); Kmart.com LLC (9022); SHC Licensed Business LLC (3718); SHC Promotions LLC (9626); Sears Brands Management Corporation (5365); and SRE Holding Corporation (4816). The location of the Debtors' corporate headquarters is 3333 Beverly Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60179

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Name of Applicant: Herrick, Feinstein LLP

Authorized to Provide Professional Services To: Special Conflicts Counsel to the Official

Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Sears Holdings Corporation, *et al*.

Date of Retention: March 22, 2019 *nunc pro tunc* to January

2, 2019

Period for Which Compensation and February 1, 2021 through February 28,

Reimbursement Is Sought: 2021

Monthly Fees Incurred: \$29,813.00

20% Holdback: \$5,962.60

Total Compensation Less 20% Holdback: \$23,850.40

Monthly Expenses Incurred: \$200.00

Total Fees and Expenses Requested: \$24,050.40

This is a <u>x</u> monthly <u>interim</u> final application

Herrick Feinstein LLP ("Herrick Feinstein"), special conflicts counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Creditors' Committee") of Sears Holding Corporation and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), hereby respectfully submits this statement of fees and disbursements (the "Fifteenth Combined Monthly Fee Statement") covering the period from February 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021 (the "Compensation Period") in accordance with the Order Authorizing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals (the "Interim Compensation Order") [ECF No. 796]. By the Fifteenth Combined Monthly Fee Statement, and after taking into account certain voluntary discounts and reductions, Herrick Feinstein requests (a) interim allowance and payment of compensation in the amount of \$23,850.40 (80% of \$29,813.00) for fees on account of reasonable and necessary professional services rendered to the Creditors'

Committee by Herrick Feinstein, and (b) reimbursement of actual and necessary costs and expenses in the amount of \$200.00 incurred by Herrick Feinstein during the Compensation Period.

# FEES FOR SERVICES RENDERED DURING THE COMPENSATION PERIOD

**Exhibit A** sets forth a timekeeper summary that includes the respective names, positions, department, bar admissions, hourly billing rates and aggregate hours spent by each Herrick Feinstein professional and paraprofessional that provided services to the Creditors' Committee during the Compensation Period. The rates charged by Herrick Feinstein for services rendered to the Creditors' Committee are the same rates that Herrick Feinstein charges generally for professional services rendered to its non-bankruptcy clients.

**Exhibit B** sets forth a task code summary that includes the aggregate hours per task code spent by Herrick Feinstein professionals and paraprofessionals in rendering services to the Creditors' Committee during the Compensation Period.

**Exhibit C** sets forth a complete itemization of tasks performed by Herrick Feinstein professional and paraprofessionals that provided services to the Creditors' Committee during the Compensation Period.

# EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE COMPENSATION PERIOD

**Exhibit D** sets for a disbursement summary that includes the aggregate expenses, organized by general disbursement categories, incurred by Herrick Feinstein in connection with services rendered to the Creditors' Committee during the Compensation Period.

**Exhibit E** sets forth a complete itemization of disbursements incurred by Herrick Feinstein in connection with services rendered to the Creditors' Committee during the Compensation Period.

#### NOTICE AND OBJECTION PROCEDURES

Notice of this Fifteenth Combined Monthly Fee Statement shall be given by hand or overnight delivery or email where available upon (i) Sears Holdings Corporation, 3333 Beverly Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60179, Attention: Mohsin Y. Meghii mmeghji@miiipartners.com); (ii) counsel to the Debtors, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10153, Attention: Ray C. Schrock (email: ray.schrock@weil.com), Jacqueline Marcus (email:jacqueline.marcus@weil.com), Garrett A. Fail (email: garrettlail@weil.com), and Sunny Singh (email: sunny.singh@weil.com); (iii) William K. Harrington, the United States Trustee, U.S. Federal Office Building, 201 Varick Street, Suite 1006, New York, NY 10014, Attention: Paul Schwartzberg (e-mail: paul.schwartzberg@usdoj.gov) and Richard Morrissey (e-mail: richard.morrissey@usdoj.gov); (iv) counsel to Bank of America, N.A., Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, 4 Times Square, New York, NY 10036, Attention: (email:paul.leake@skadden.com), Paul D. Leake Shana Elberg A. (email: shana.elberg@skadden.com) and George R. Howard (email: george.howard@skadden.com); (v) Paul E. Harner, fee examiner, 1675 Broadway, New York, NY 10019 (e-mail: harnerp@ballardspahr.com); (vi) counsel to the fee examiner, Ballard Spahr LLP, 1675 Broadway, New York, NY 10019, Attention: Vincent J. Marriott (e-mail: marriott@ballardspahr.com) and Tobey M. Daluz (e-mail: dalurt@ballardspahr.com); and (vi) counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, New York, NY 10036, Attention: Philip C. Dublin (email: pdublin@akingump.com), Ira S. Dizengoff (email: idizengoff@akingump.com) and Sara Lynne Brauner (email: sbrauner@akingump.com), (collectively, the "Notice Parties").

Objections to this Fifteenth Combined Monthly Fee Statement, if any, must be filed with the Court and served upon the Notice Parties so as to be received no later than **April 21, 2021** (the

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"Objection Deadline"), setting forth the nature of the objection and the amount of fees or expenses at issue (an "Objection").

If no objections to this Fifteenth Combined Monthly Fee Statement are filed and served as set forth above, the Debtors shall promptly pay eighty percent (80%) of the fees and one hundred percent (100%) of the expenses identified herein.

If an objection to this Fifteenth Combined Monthly Fee Statement is received on or before the Objection Deadline, the Debtors shall withhold payment of that portion of this Fifteenth Combined Monthly Fee Statement to which the objection is directed and promptly pay the remainder of the fees and disbursements in the percentages set forth above. To the extent such an objection is not resolved, it shall be preserved and scheduled for consideration at the next interim fee application hearing to be heard by the Court.

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Dated: New York, New York April 6, 2021

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# Exhibit A

**Timekeeper Summary** 

PARTNERS	DEPARTMENT	YEAR OF BAR ADMISSION	RATE	HOURS	AMOUNT
Christopher W. Carty	Restructuring & Finance Litigation	2010	\$850.00	13.0	\$11,050.00
Total Partners				13.0	\$11,050.00
COUNSEL	DEPARTMENT	YEAR OF BAR ADMISSION	RATE	HOURS	AMOUNT
Kyle J. Kolb	Restructuring & Finance Litigation	2012	\$690.00	14.7	\$10,143.00
<b>Total Counsel</b>				14.7	\$10,143.00
ASSOCIATES	DEPARTMENT	YEAR OF BAR ADMISSION	RATE	HOURS	AMOUNT
Heather M. Zimmer	Restructuring & Finance Litigation	2017	\$475.00	5.2	\$2,470.00
Gabrielle R. Fromer	Restructuring & Finance Litigation	2018	\$460.00	.2	\$92.00
Conor Anderson	Restructuring & Finance Litigation	2017	\$435.00	3.8	\$1,653.00
Total Associates				9.2	\$4,215.00

PARALEGALS/ NON- LEGAL STAFF	DEPARTMENT	RATE	HOURS	AMOUNT
Linda Schepp	Restructuring & Finance Litigation	\$350.00	11.9	\$4,165.00
Total Paralegals/ Non- Legal Staff			11.9	\$4,165.00

E-DISCOVERY & LITHGATION SUPPORT SERVICES	AMOUNT
Project Management	\$240.00
TOTAL	\$240.00

# **EXHIBIT B**

# **Task Code Summary**

Task Code	HOURS	AMOUNT (\$)
Case Administration – B110	.6	\$240.00
Fee/Employment Applications – B160	1.5	\$1,275.00
Other Contested Matters – B190	4.0	\$2,348.00
Joint Asserted Causes of Action	43.40	\$25,950.00
Total	49.5	\$29,813.00

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# Exhibit C

**Itemized Fees** 



Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Sears Holdings

Attn: Ron Tucker

225 W. Washington Street

Invoice Number: 544217

Matter Number: 19609.0001

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Tax ID: 1662

Re: Sears Bankruptcy

Fees for legal services rendered through February 28, 2021 \$3,863.00

Expenses posted through February 28, 2021 200.00

TOTAL \$4,063.00

Unpaid balance from previous invoice(s) \$85,618.20

Total Due Now \$89,681.20

#### INVOICE PAYMENT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT. THANK YOU.

Kindly return this page with your check payment to:
Herrick, Feinstein LLP
2 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Send wire payments to:
Citibank, N.A.
ABA Number: 0089
Account Number: 6165

SWIFT #: US33



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## **LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	TASK CODE	<u>Narrative</u>	<u>Hours</u>
02/02/21	C. Carty	B160	Review draft order re interim fee applications and comment on same.	0.40
02/03/21	C. Carty	B190	Meet with K. Kolb regarding Rule 2004 investigation status.	0.40
02/03/21	K. Kolb	B190	Discuss committee update with C. Carty.	0.20
02/03/21	K. Kolb	B190	Revise proposed draft affidavit regarding investigation facts.	0.40
02/04/21	K. Kolb	B190	Discuss investigation background with H. Zimmer.	0.70
02/04/21	G. Fromer	B190	Discuss case strategy with Kyle Kolb.	0.20
02/04/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Confer with KK on case background and analyze memoranda outlining background of case.	0.70
02/04/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Analyze background materials, including memoranda and declaration on claims analysis, investigation.	1.30
02/22/21	C. Carty	B160	Prepare for omnibus hearing re interim fee applications.	0.60
02/23/21	C. Carty	B160	Prepare for hearing on interim fee application.	0.50
02/24/21	K. Kolb	B190	Analyze email from opposing counsel regarding investigation requests.	0.10
			TOTAL	\$3,623.00



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#### **LEGAL SERVICES SUMMARY**

<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	Amount
C. Carty	1.90	850.00	1,615.00
G. Fromer	0.20	460.00	92.00
K. Kolb	1.40	690.00	966.00
H. Zimmer	2.00	475.00	950.00
TOTAL	5.50		\$3,623.00
OVERY & LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES			

#### E-DISCO

**Project Management** 240.00

**TOTAL** \$240.00

**TOTAL LEGAL SERVICES** \$3,863.00

## **DISBURSEMENTS:**

		<u>Amount</u>
Document Processing		100.00
E-Discovery Data Hosting		100.00
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	TOTAL:	\$200.00

#### **TASK SUMMARY**

Task Code	<u>Task Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
B110	Case Administration	0.60	240.00
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	1.50	1,275.00
B190	Other Contested Matters	4.00	2,348.00
TOTALS		6.10	\$3,863.00



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#### **PREVIOUS BILLS OUTSTANDING**

Invoice #	<b>Invoice Date</b>	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>Less Credits Applied</b>	<u>Balance</u>
356647	07/16/20	62,817.18	60,748.68	2,068.50
358157	08/24/20	43,825.32	36,934.32	6,891.00
538311	10/22/20	279,109.04	253,931.24	25,177.80
539160	11/12/20	24,329.85	21,482.65	2,847.20
540575	12/14/20	31,940.28	28,618.48	3,321.80
541327	01/19/21	51,933.19	44,680.99	7,252.20
542957	02/24/21	38,059.70	0.00	38,059.70

Total Outstanding \$85,618.20



Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Sears Holdings

Attn: Ron Tucker

225 W. Washington Street

Invoice Number: 544218

Matter Number: 19609.0002

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Tax ID: 1662

Re: Jointly Asserted Causes of Action

Fees for legal services rendered through February 28, 2021 \$25,950.00

Unpaid balance from previous invoice(s) \$450,700.36

Total Due Now \$476,650.36

#### INVOICE PAYMENT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT. THANK YOU.

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## **LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	TASK CODE	<u>Narrative</u>	<u>Hours</u>
02/01/21	C. Carty	B190	Call with K. Kolb and H. Zimmer regarding status of adversary proceeding discovery and prepare for same.	0.50
02/01/21	K. Kolb	B190	Discuss status of all third party discovery with C. Carty and H. Zimmer.	0.30
02/01/21	C. Anderson	B110	Review Greenlight/Blackstone document production for relevant documents	1.10
02/02/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Confer with Girard Sharp and Robbins Arroyo on subpoena.	0.10
02/04/21	C. Anderson	B110	Review Greenlight/Blackstone document production for relevant documents	1.20
02/05/21	C. Carty	B190	Analyze correspondence related to third party discovery.	0.80
02/05/21	C. Carty	B190	Review and analyze hot docs binders related to adversary proceeding.	2.90
02/05/21	K. Kolb	B190	Analyze and revise summaries of key documents produced by Deloitte.	3.30
02/05/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Confer with CC and KK on subpoena to Girard Sharp and Robbins Arroyo.	0.20
02/08/21	C. Carty	B190	Confer with K. Kolb and H. Zimmer re third party discovery responses and prepare for same.	0.50
02/08/21	C. Carty	B190	Review and analyze hot docs binders related to adversary proceeding.	2.30
02/08/21	K. Kolb	B190	Discuss third party discovery status with C. Carty and H. Zimmer.	0.20
02/08/21	C. Anderson	B110	Review Greenlight/Blackstone document production for relevant documents	1.50
02/08/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Confer with Chris Carty on subpoena to UBS.	0.10
02/08/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Confer with KK and CC on outstanding discovery to Girard Sharp and Robbins and related entities and analyze subpoenas on same.	0.40
02/10/21	C. Carty	B190	Review and analyze hot docs binders related to adversary proceeding.	0.90
02/11/21	C. Carty	B190	Analyze issues related to third party discovery responses.	0.60
02/11/21	K. Kolb	B190	Provide instructions regarding compiling hot documents and summaries of same to complete second level review process.	0.30
02/11/21	K. Kolb	B190	Call with H. ZImmer regarding second level review analysis and process.	0.20



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	TASK CODE	<u>Narrative</u>	<u>Hours</u>
02/11/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Confer with counsel to UBS concerning subpoena, and confer with Chris Carty on same.	0.20
02/11/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Confer with KK and LS concerning summaries of documents reviewed in adversary proceeding and review same.	0.20
02/11/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Confer with counsel to Girard Sharp and Robbins Arroyo in connection with subpoena served on them and their responses.	0.10
02/12/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Confer with KK and LS concerning documents produced in adversary proceeding and summaries of same.	0.20
02/12/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Confer with counsel to UBS concerning subpoena.	0.20
02/12/21	L. Schepp	B190	Compile additional hot documents summaries for attorney review.	3.60
02/15/21	K. Kolb	B190	Analyze draft summaries of key documents produced by Deloitte.	0.20
02/15/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Confer with KK and LS concerning documents produced in adversary proceeding and summaries on same.	0.10
02/16/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Confer with KK and LS concerning documents reviewed in adversary proceeding and summaries on same.	0.30
02/16/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Analyze email from counsel to UBS concerning subpoena.	0.10
02/16/21	L. Schepp	B190	Compile additional hot documents for chronology in preparation for attorney review.	5.80
02/17/21	K. Kolb	B190	Revise compilation of summaries of key documents produced by auditor.	2.30
02/17/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Confer with KK and LS concerning summaries of documents reviewed in adversary proceeding.	0.10
02/17/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Confer with CC concerning UBS subpoena.	0.10
02/17/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Email counsel to UBS concerning subpoena.	0.10
02/18/21	C. Carty	B190	Call with UBS counsel re third party subpoena and prepare for same.	0.60
02/18/21	K. Kolb	B190	Revise and analyze summaries of key documents produced by debtors' auditor.	3.10
02/18/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Call with counsel for UBS concerning subpoena and outstanding responsive documents.	0.30
02/18/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Call with Chris Carty concerning UBS subpoena.	0.10
02/19/21	K. Kolb	B190	Revise summaries of key documents produced by debtors' auditors.	3.40
02/19/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Confer with KK and LS concerning doc summaries and revisions to same.	0.20
02/23/21	C. Carty	B190	Attend telephonic hearing regarding interim fee applications and motion to consolidate adversary	1.50



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		TASK		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	CODE	Narrative	<u>Hours</u>
			proceedings.	
02/24/21	L. Schepp	B190	Compile additional interesting documents for inclusion in chronology in preparation for attorney review.	2.50
02/25/21	C. Carty	B190	Confer with D. Chapman regarding case status update and provide internal update.	0.50
02/25/21	H. Zimmer	B190	Confer with CC concerning status of litigation with regard to information from hearing.	0.10
			TOTAL	\$25,950.00



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## **LEGAL SERVICES SUMMARY**

<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
C. Anderson	3.80	435.00	1,653.00
C. Carty	11.10	850.00	9,435.00
K. Kolb	13.30	690.00	9,177.00
L. Schepp	11.90	350.00	4,165.00
H. Zimmer	3.20	475.00	1,520.00
TOTAL	43.30		\$25,950.00

## PREVIOUS BILLS OUTSTANDING

Invoice #	<b>Invoice Date</b>	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>Less Credits Applied</b>	<u>Balance</u>
358158	08/24/20	114,394.47	91,935.87	22,458.60
538312	10/22/20	330,797.92	265,261.82	65,536.10
539161	11/12/20	221,704.24	177,615.54	44,088.70
540525	12/14/20	170,056.45	136,138.75	33,917.70
541328	01/19/21	106,056.50	0.00	106,056.50
542909	02/24/21	178,642.76	0.00	178,642.76

Total Outstanding \$450,700.36

# Exhibit D

# **Disbursement Summary**

Total	\$200.00
Document Processing	\$100.00
E-Discovery Data Hosting	\$100.00

# Exhibit E

**Itemized Disbursement** 

Date	Disb Code	Bill Amount	Narrative	Bill Disb Code
12/31/2020	Document Processing (105)	\$25.00	Vendor: Williams Lea Inc.; Invoice≢: US004-180009247; Date: 12/31/2020	Document Processing (105)
12/31/2020	Document Processing (105)	\$37.50	Vendor: Williams Lea Inc.; Invoice≢: US004-180009247; Date: 12/31/2020	Document Processing (105)
12/31/2020	Document Processing (105)	\$37.50	Vendor: Williams Lea Inc.; Invoice#: US004-180009247; Date: 12/31/2020	Document Processing (105)
2/28/2021	E-Discovery Data Hosting Minimum Charge (115)	\$100.00	Sears Bankruptcy UCC - Rule 2004 MTN (formerly Simon Property Group)	E-Discovery Data Hosting Minimum Charge (115)